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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH YEMENI FONMIN ON ALGIERS' MEETINGS

1. SUMMARY: AT ALGIERS, YARG REPRESENTATIVES WILL
PUSH FOR CREATION OF PROVISIONAL PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT.
WITH QADHAFI OUT, YARG EXPECTS CLEAR SAILING FOR SADAT.

2. AMBASSADOR MET WITH DEP PRIMIN/FONMIN NU'MAN NOVEMBER
19 BEFORE LATTER'S NOVEMBER 20 DEPARTURE TO ATTEND ARAB
CONFERENCES OF FOREIGN MINISTERS AND CHIEFS OF STATE IN
ALGIERS. NU'MAN HAD FOLLOWING COMMENTS OF INTEREST:

3. INDICATING THAT THIS WAS A MATTER OF GREAT PERSONAL
INTEREST AND CONVICTION TO HIM, NU'MAN EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT CONFERENCES WOULD PRODUCE AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISH-
MENT OF A PROVISIONAL PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT.
HE WOULD BE WORKING HARD FOR THIS IN ALGIERS. THIS IN
HIS OPINION WOULD ULTIMATELY ENHANCE RATHER THAN DIMINISH
CHANCES FOR PERMANENT MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT SINCE
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PALESTINIANS WOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED VOICE WITH WHICH TO

PARTICIPATE IN LATTER PHASES OF NEGOTIATION. THEY WOULD NOT OF COURSE BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN FIRST EGYPT-ISRAEL PHASE. NU'MAN WAS CONFIDENT OF SUPPORT PARTICULARLY FROM BOUMEDIENNE. KING HUSSEIN WAS LARGEST OBSTACLE. THEREFORE, HE HAD THAT MORNING CALLED IN JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR ASKING THAT LATTER TRANSMIT MESSAGE TO KING URGING HIM TO BE FLEXIBLE. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR HAD EXPRESSED PERSONAL BELIEF, ON BASIS HIS LAST CONVERSATIONS WITH KING IN SEPTEMBER THAT LATTER WOULD NOT INSIST ON HIS UNITED ARAB KINGDOM CONCEPT. (COJ AMBASSADOR, REPORTING CONVERSATION TO US, CONFIRMED THIS.)

4. NU'MAN SAID THAT ON PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTION HE HAD ALSO CALLED IN IRAQI CHARGE ASKING THAT YARG'S STRONG URGING THAT IRAQ SHOULD ATTEND ALGIERS' MEETINGS BE PASSED TO BAGHDAD. CHARGE HAD STATED NO DECISION REACHED.

5. IN NU'MAN'S VIEW, ABSENCE OF QADHAFI WOULD BE A CLEAR PLUS. SADAT SHOULD HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULTY ENGINEERING A CONCLUSION LIMITED TO A STATEMENT OF AGREED PRINCIPLES THAT WOULD LEAVE EGYPTIAN DIPLOMACY A FREE HAND. IN ACHIEVING THIS RESULT, SADAT COULD COUNT ON YAR'S FULL SUPPORT.

6. NU'MAN SAID HE AND PRESIDENT IRYANI WOULD BE JOINED IN ALGIERS BY FORMER PRIMIN (NOW AMBASSADOR IN LONDON) MUHSIN AL-AYNI AND PERHAPS BY NU'MAN'S FATHER, AHMAD MUHAMMAD NU'MAN, ELECTED NOVEMBER 19 AS THIRD MEMBER OF YARG REPUBLICAN COUNCIL TO FILL VACANCY CREATED BY ASSASSINATION OF MUHAMMAD ALI 'UTHMAN (SEPTTEL).
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